



Prince Edward County Master Gardeners

Minutes May 12, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Alex at 10:10 am

Location: Picton Library, Picton, ON

Present: Barbra Stock, Susan Warrack, Ren Duinker, Alex Wiens, Virginia Mitchell, Marianne Malachowski, Steve Storms, Joyce Young, Cathy Thompson, Cathy Pogue, Sandy Goranson, Kim Beaugrand, Alex Stenning.

Regrets: Linda Melady

Absent: Agneta Sand, Kevin Bazkur, Becky Lamb.

1. Call to Order - Alex called the meeting to order at 10:15 am.

2. Approval of the Agenda – Joyce wanted to add Aprons.
Amended Agenda - First: Cathy, Second: Virginia. Approved.

3. Approval of the Minutes – Ren pointed out that Virginia was present at the April 21, 2018 meeting but her name was not included in the list of those present.
To approve the amended Minutes: First - Ren, Seconded Marianne. Approved.

4. Treasurer's Report:

Previous Balance: \$3943.96

Expenses to date:

\$100.00 Flowers for Linda (Barbra Stock)

\$90.40 Picton Gazette (CGA ad)

\$256.85 Miss Lily's (Membership night)

Total Expenses: \$447.25

Current Balance: \$3496.71

Barb asked for a breakdown of the Miss Lily's expenses just so we would know how much the servers cost was for future events.

Acceptance of the Treasurer's report: First: Susan, Second: Sandy. Approved.

4. Smylie's

Everyone should now have the complete schedule for the season at Smylie's. If you are unable to make your shift, please find a replacement. If you are desperate: call Alex W.

5. New Foundation in The County:

Alex reported on a meeting she attended about a new foundation being started in The County. The initiative of this foundation, started by real estate agent Bev Skidmore, is to beautify public spaces. One of the first project will be the donation of daffodil bulbs to beautify Loyalist Parkway. MG's have been asked to give support distributing these bulbs in the fall.

6. Plant Sale

Ren handed out a map of the area of the plant sale and a sheet with the colour coding for the sticks for pricing. Please arrive at the Metro parking lot by 7 am with your plants - *** any plants not labelled will not go into the sale *** Wear your apron and name badge. Steve has 2 lg 1 sm table, Marianne has 1, Joyce has 4. Alex will put tape around the area on Friday night and pick up everything from Joyce on the day of the sale. Ren will return everything to Joyce's at the end of the sale. Bring any old gardening magazines (free) and books (priced) you want to donate to the sale. Barb will pick up the roses, Ren will pick up the lilacs from Wayne Smith and the Butterfly weed from Natural Themes. Please stay after the sale to help clean up the site. Thanks.

7. Website questions, areas of expertise

Cathy P. has not heard from everyone yet, she will compile a list for Barb to be able to better direct questions we receive on our email to the appropriate person. Virginia agreed to do vegetables and house plants. Cathy also mentioned she thought that "generalist" wasn't an overly complimentary word, so, with the help of google thesaurus, she came up with "polymath" (a person of wide-ranging knowledge or learning) and will use that word for anyone who has not responded to her.

8. Community Gardens

The planting date for the community gardens is May 26th (our plant sale) any MG who could slip away to be on hand to give advice would be much appreciated. Sany pointed out they already have lots of expertise on hand but it is a fun day. Barb reported on an article in [The Wellington Times](#) about the Wellington Community Gardens.

9. Aprons

Joyce found two more aprons, she will make five more.

10. Garden Talk

Ren said she's feeling old this spring, Cathy T. said after being sedentary all winter, she went out to the garden and threw her back out. Sandy remarked that a maple on her property survived the flooding, Joyce said a variegated euonymus suffered die-back, Alex S. said she is going to plant a and see how it goes, she asked if anyone had any old gardening tools, Sandy has some and will bring them to the plant sale. Barb said she had three Sycamore trees if anyone wants one, Steve said there's a Sycamore tree at Babylon Road towards South Bay. Kim got into some Wild Parsnip and asked if there was any treatment, sadly there isn't really.

16. Adjournment 11:05 am First: Steve, Second: Ren All in favour, meeting adjourned.

Upcoming Events:

Joyce's 90th Birthday Lunch -Wed., May 16th 12 noon at The View (Picton Golf Course)
May 26 - Plant Sale
June 22-24 - Neighbourwoods Training

Next MG Meeting - Saturday, June 9th, 2018 at Picton Library 10:10 am